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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ramnarayan *et al.*

Serial No: 09/709,905

Filed: November 10, 2000

For: USE OF COMPUTATIONALLY DERIVED
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POLYMORPHISMS IN
PHARMACOGENOMICS FOR DRUG
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Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and Forms PTO-1449 (10 pages) for filing in connection with the above-identified application. Because this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to receipt of a First Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application, no fee is due. However, should it be determined that a fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1213, as stated below:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the Information Disclosure Statement and any other fees that may be due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 in connection with this paper or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows:

at page 1, line 2, please replace "AND" with —FOR DRUG DESIGN AND—;

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

at page 1, line 10, please replace "No." with —No. 09/704,362—;

at page 1, line 15, please replace "No." with —No. 09/704,362—;

at page 3, line 20, please replace "by the" with —by—;

at page 3, line 29, please replace "ethic" with —ethnic—;

at page 4, line 11, please replace "activity;" with —activity; and—;

at page 4, line 26, please replace "studies and" with —studies—;

at page 5, line 15, please replace "molecules" with —molecule—;